



SCHOOL OF MUSIC

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SPEED DATING TONIGHT!



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Music & Words by Michael Ching
Based on a Concept by Dean Anthony

Texas Tech Opera Theatre

Friday, November 16th, 2025 | 7:30 pm
Sunday, November 16th, 2025 | 2:30 pm
Charles E. Maedgen Jr. Theatre

UNIVERSITY OPERA THEATRE

CHARACTER

Bartender (Bud)
Waitress (Stephanie)
Coordinator (Kaylee)
Dater #22 (John)
Dater #14/12 (Tim)
Dater #17 (Kevin)
Dater #13 (Noah)
Dater #19 (Vic)
Dater #34 (Jessie)
Dater #89 (Roland)
Dater #35 (Sarah)
Dater #10 (Marci)
Dater #8 (Maggie)
Dater #38 (Rain)
Dater #92 (Clara)
Dater #21/49 (Billie)
Dater #20 (Erin)
Dater #23/9 (Daisy)
Dater #88 (Carmen)
Dater #87 (Melissa)
Dater #50 (Clara)
Dater #51 (Jamie)
Ensemble Dater
Ensemble Dater

CAST

Christopher Markgraf
Ashton Aranda
Brooke Ryan
Samuel Vazquez
Mark Huffines
Aidan Chapleau
Ryken Tucker
Naehyeog Kang
Trayce Bordeaux
Joseph Gonzalez
Alyssa Wilson
Olivia Burns
Ziyan Hu
Kaitlyn Reeves
Sujin Park
Lauren Ziegenhorn
Landrie Almquist
Sophia Hernandez
Cora-Grace Smith
Amanda Nguyen
Edna Valles
Elizabeth Lambert
Joy Geria
Mark Huffines

COVER

Mark Huffines
Samuel Vazquez
Christopher Markgraf

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Kaitlyn Reeves

Ziyan Hu

Lauren Ziegenhorn

PRODUCTION LEADERSHIP

Stage Director

Vocal Coach

Chorus Master

Pianists

Technical Director

Lighting Designer

Costume Designer

Production Staff

Emma Louise Steiner

William Averill, Jared Tehse

Orlando Williams

Jared Tehse, Jacobo Cerda

Tom Laney

Ryllie Garcia

Emma Louise Steiner

Avery Corder (Stage Manager)

Olivia Burns (Assistant Stage Manager,

Props Master, Subtitles)

Joy Geria (Marketing/Costume
Assistant)

Lianjia Zhang (Subtitles)

Sujin Park (Subtitles)

Edna Valles (Subtitle Translator)

ABOUT THE OPERA

This opera was originally produced and directed by Dean Anthony at Janiec Opera Company in 2013. The show is what the composer, Michael Ching, calls a “new numbers opera.” Traditional operas are based on musical numbers such as arias, duets, ensembles, and finales. This opera differs from traditional opera in that it allows the producing party to choose what musical numbers to include. Thereby creating a story unique to their own production. No two productions are the same. Michael Ching continues to update and add musical numbers to the lineup that producers can choose from. As of this year, there are over 100 different scenes to pick from, making this opera a one-of-a-kind experience.

CONTENT WARNING

This opera production contains explicit language and mature themes, which may be inappropriate for children. Viewer discretion is advised.

PROLOGUE

On a crisp fall evening, a group of daters decides to take a chance on love at a speed dating event at The Well, a local bar and lounge in Lubbock, Texas. Some will leave with exactly what they came for: love. Others will find themselves counting down the seconds until they can scurry to the next table or straight out of dodge. The Well's staff, Bud and Stephanie, along with the speed dating event coordinator, Kaylee, do their best to support these daters as they navigate the dating world, and some realize that they themselves have been drawn into a spark during this evening's event. It's true what they say, love can be found in the most unexpected places.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Julia Bell Trumpet Faculty Recital

2:00 PM, Sunday, November 16

Hemmle Recital Hall

Fall Opera: Speed Dating Tonight!

2:30 PM, Sunday, November 16

Maedgen Theatre



Clarinet Ensembles Recital

8:00 PM, Monday, November 17

Hemmle Recital Hall

Symphonic Wind Ensemble

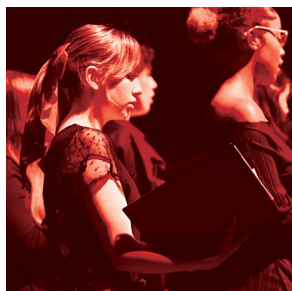
7:30 PM, Tuesday, November 18

Hemmle Recital Hall

IGNITE!

7:30pm, Friday, November 21

Buddy Holly Hall-Helen DeVitt Jones Theater



Hub City Brass Quintet

12:00 PM, Saturday, November 22

Kent R. Hance Chapel

Peter Steiner Guest Artist Trombone Recital

4:00 PM, Saturday, November 22

Hemmle Recital Hall

Jazz Combos Concert

6:00 PM, Saturday, November 22

Hemmle Recital Hall



Lubbock Civic Orchestra

7:30 PM, Saturday, November 22

SUB Allen Theatre

Jazz Combos Concert

8:00 PM, Saturday, November 22

Hemmle Recital Hall



Graduate Brass Quintet

4:00 PM, Sunday, November 23

Hemmle Recital Hall

String Area Chamber Recital

6:00 PM, Sunday November 23

TTU School of Music Choir Hall